

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1742

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For: SURFACE TREATING METHODS OF TITANIUM PARTS

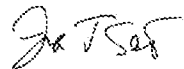
AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before further prosecution of this application, please
enter new claim 9, as set forth in the listing of claims
attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira J. Schultz".

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